



# Proclamation

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30, 2024

- WHEREAS** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada began in 2008 with the purpose of documenting the history and lasting impacts of the Canadian residential school system on Indigenous students, families and communities; and
- WHEREAS** The Commission concluded in 2015 with a summary of its findings, along with 94 “calls to action” to redress the cultural impact caused by residential schools and support reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous peoples; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Surrey recognizes that all levels of government, including municipalities, have a role in responding to the calls for action and working towards reconciliation; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Surrey is demonstrating its commitment to reconciliation in various and ongoing ways such as endorsing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, undertaking consultation processes with First Nations leadership and Indigenous organizations to inform and guide various City initiatives, including supporting National Indigenous Peoples’ Day on June 21 and the work of the Surrey Urban Indigenous Leadership Committee; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Surrey has annually recognized September 30, as Orange Shirt Day as an opportunity to learn about the history and legacy of residential schools and is pleased that this day is now formally recognized as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke , do hereby declare September 30, 2024 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey